

Whims of the Idler

PETTICOATS AND POLITICS.

Every woman, deep down in her inscrutable heart of hearts, has a secret hankering to see her husband in politics, or rather to see him a successful politician, which, however, is a gray hope of another color.

Even the most critical who want a bill of particulars every time this philosopher wobbles home after 10:30 P. M., has more than once hinted that he is not sufficiently prominent in public affairs. She says it would delight her soul to see him first, but she can't find her nominal lord and master. It isn't the elevation of the human race she's after; it's the glorification of our own family.

For be it known that woman—be she queen or "washday"—is caught up with ambition and both in laundry and palace she can find more Mrs. Macbeths than one can shake a stick at.

Not knowing much about politics—and the gods forbid that they ever should—the average dame thinks that this is about the quickest of all roads to fame and glory. Some might think so, too—at first. But it's a little harder to learn in the fullness of time. The women, on the other hand, merely get "jolly mad" when things go wrong, and are with difficulty restrained from entering the arena and raising a scandal.

Well does this writer recall that notable campaign in Hanover in the early seventies, when he, at the earnest solicitation of innumerable friends (who somehow dwindled away most astonishingly on election day) sought the honorable office of justice of the peace. The canvass—so far, at least, as this retired statesman was concerned—was conducted on "high and honorable plane," although it was proved to him, as well as other people's satisfaction, that he was a composite thief, liar, murderer and all-round scoundrel of the deepest dye. The convincing were the arguments adduced to shatter and subvert his reputation, that he did not even essay to pick up the debris.

But not so the Commander-in-Chief. She wanted to give everybody in Hanover a "piece of her mind." And although the population was considerable, and the good woman's cerebral apparatus somewhat smaller than that of George Eliot, the prospect of getting a "piece" of the afore-said mind (however small the fragment), so intimidated the electorate that the candidate of the Commander-in-Chief captured the office. Capturing an office, however, is one thing. And although he was glued to it another. And though he clung to it as a man with a viva voce club, it took him some time to see how many will still follow his respected ribs with the secret ballot. In other words, this philosopher, after one term as magistrate, saw his post of honor jump off from him with all the ease and agility of a grasshopper skipping over a wormwood fence.

There's just enough malice in some of us mortals—us wise old foxes who have held office or tried manfully hard to get a grip on some slippery egg-like public trust—to long to see the one who conducted the canvass, begun and terminated by that whimsical sex which, though uncertain, coy and hard to please, at least is no doubtful quantity in "speaking out in meekness."

Supposing that the petticoat-nominate convention ever adjourned—on the

NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Pelham Farm, Home of Imported Comfort, Ardington and Others of Note.

ENGLISH VIEW OF ELLERSLIE

Leesburg Horse Show—Jimmy Lane—Miss Nelson a Brood Mare Now—Winners.

Writing from Pelham Farm, which is near Welbourne, in Loudoun county, and one of the best known of Virginia breeding establishments, Mr. Robert Neville says: "My horses have wintered nicely, which applies not only to those intended for training and racing this season, but to the stallions, brood mares and young things as well. The stallions in use are the imported horses Contract, son of Isomony and Wedding Ring, by Hampton, and Ardington, by Melton, dam Annette, by The Speaker. I expect good results from them, crossed on mares by Imp. Rigoletto, the dead son of Trocadero and Reine de Saba, who formerly ruled as premier sire at Pelham. White Garters, by Rigoletto, dam Vesta, by Cateby, the former good steeplechaser, is now a brood mare at the farm and her first foal, now three years old, by Ardington, will be raced this fall. I have eighteen brood mares selected from the best jumping families in England and America. In the training stable are sixteen horses, of which three are imported, but the latter as yet have shown no superiority over the native bred products. Amongst the imported horses, the best of the season are Vestment, the crack steeplechaser of 1903, and Parson Kelly. Vestment is out of the Pelham Farm brood mare, Vestalla, dam of Eophonie and Tentore, while Parson Kelly has for a dam Arrogance, the daughter of Emperor and Disdain, by Imp. Moccasin. I enclose her pedigree of Contract, whose get I like very much and think he will certainly suit race horses. His daughter, Woodclawn, out of Wood Lodge, by Imp. Woodlands, was raced in 1903 as a two-year-old and won eight races."

In referring to the Ellerslie Stud of R. T. Hancock and Son, Charlottesville, Va., in the London Sportsman, the well known English writer, "Vigilant," says: "As is pretty well known, the horse to make the name of this Virginia stud was Eolus, the son of Leamington and Fanny Washington, by his dam, who has gone the way of all flesh; but there is every hope that his place will be worthily filled by Fatherless. The best performance of this stout son of Isomony and Orphan Agnes, by Speculum, was accomplished in the Great Metropolitan Stakes of 1898. The favorite was Lord William Beresford's Paris III, who, in spite of a ten-pound penalty for his victory in the Northamptonshire Stakes, which raised his weight to 9st 9lb, started a hot favorite at 10 to 1. About 1900, he was carried off the colors of the late Mr. W. M. Redfern, the useful odds of 10 to 1 were obtainable, and he won by a length and a half from The Rays. Amongst the unplaced lot was Cyrria, who had run a good race previously, as well as useful animals like Bach and Opera Glass. The first of the get of Fatherless, who are now three years old, include Workman, Red Reynard and Mistiss, who are all good winners, and I am informed that his two-year-old and yearlings are equally promising. According to an American paper, yearlings are timed in their work over there as well as the older horses, and several of them by Fatherless were clocked as running a quarter of a mile in 9.24, two of them being inside that time. The horse's subscription is full for the present season, and he looks like worthily carrying on the sterling line in America. The other stallions at the Ellerslie Stud are Eon and Eurus, both of them being sons of Eolus. They are advertised at \$100 and \$50, respectively, 'with return privilege,' whatever that may mean."

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The Passion Play.

After an interval of four years the Passion Play, at Saerach, in Switzerland, will be produced this summer. The first performance took place twelve years ago, the actors being villagers. Each performance occupies four or five days. About 60 people take part in it.

Richmond in the Swim.

Richmond is coming along all right enough. It has had a ridiculous "puppy crush" on for a month or two and Monday night a six-day bicycle race was started—Charlotte Observer.

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held on the grounds of the association near there on June 7th and 8th, and already active preparations are being made for the event. Leesburg occupies a prominent place in the Virginia circuit of horse shows, and the exhibitions there are looked upon as important affairs in that section as they richly merit, having been a potent factor in fostering and encouraging the breeding interests. The officers of the association are: Colonel Robert N. Harper, of Washington, D. C., president; William C. Custis, of Garland, vice-president; H. L. Russell, second vice-president; S. T. Hickman, secretary, and E. E. Garrett, treasurer.

The Virginia bred horse, Jimmy Lane, the big chestnut gelding, by His Grace, dam Anna Page, by Hayden Edwards, who raced and won on the flat last season, is likely to give a good account of himself this one over the jumps. He is owned by "Mr. Cotton," of New York, and is entered in some of the big steeplechase events. Jimmy Lane is quite a versatile performer, being nicely broken to harness and at home at any place from the shafts of a farm wagon to the lead of park four-in-hand. His Grace, the sire of Jimmy Lane, is a big, handsome son of Eolus, and is highly prized by his owners, Marshall and Thompson, of Warrenton, Va., who have him in the stud there.


C. A. Bowen, of Winchester, Va., has purchased of P. J. Stuberger, Blairburg, Md., the bay stallion El Capitano, by Wilton W., \$250, dam Lily, by Desoto. Price \$200. This horse trotted to a record of 2:24, over a half mile track, driven by an amateur, while in his work he has shown miles right around 2:20. With good breeding El Capitano combines nice manners, and has no vices, which entitles him to consideration, and the son of Wilton W. should prove a valuable addition to the breeding interests of Winchester and vicinity.

W. A. Biggs, of Franklin, Va., is driving on the road the richly bred chestnut mare Flora McC., by Red White, dam Alice Wilkes, by William L., sire of Axtell, 2:12, a great colt trotter and now famous as a sire. Flora McC., a grand dam, was the famous producer of Fanny H., dam of Eynacoline, 2:15, and three others with records better than 2:20. The daughter of Red Wilkes was bred last season to Kelly, 2:27, and high hopes are centered in the prospective produce, which will be entered in the richest colt stakes.

The bay mare, Miss Tassiter, who formerly held the record for Virginia bred trotters, is now a stately matron and has produced several foals, her last being by William Penn, 2:20. Miss Kelly, but is now the property of W. D. Althouse, Phoenixville, Pa.

Among the Virginia bred horses which took part in the California winter meetings were Albert Knight, by Alton, dam Burse, by King Great; Andrew Mack, by Imp. Charaxus, dam Genevieve, by Eolus, and some half dozen others, all of whom were winners and showed good form.

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